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ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY

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PLEASE DELIVER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS

1. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE DECIDED MARCH 17 TO
DEFER FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF S.846 (SCOTT BILL - REFTTEL)
UNTIL IT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONFER WITH THE SECRETARY ON
THE "LATEST STAGE OF (CYPRUS) NEGOTIATIONS."

2. WHILE QUESTIONS ON TURKISH AID DID NOT ARISE AT MARCH
18 BRIEFING, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAS BEEN FURNISHED FOL-
LOWING GUIDANCE ON COMMITTEE ACTION:
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A. WE STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE INITIATIVE BY THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP TO RESTORE MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY.

B. WE REGRET THAT THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAS PUT OFF ACTION ON THE PROPOSAL TO RESTORE TURKISH MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

C. THE ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION CUTTING OFF US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO

TURKEY WAS AN UNWISE ACT IN TERMS OF ITS NEGATIVE EFFECT ON: (1) NATO, (2) US BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH TURKEY, AND (3) US ABILITY TO INFLUENCE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

D. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS WITH THE CONGRESS TO RESTORE US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY.

3. AS FOREGOING IMPLIES, WE ARE CONTINUING TO URGE ON CONGRESS THE NECESSITY OF EARLY ACTION TO REMOVE PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. INGERSOLL

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